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SUBJ: FONMIN OUTLINES GOU FOREIGN POLICY

1. EL PAIS, URUGUAY'S LEADING DAILY, ON APRIL 4 PUBLISHED A LONG, WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN BLANCO. THERE FOLLOW EXCERPTS ON KEY ELEMENTS OF GOU FOREIGN POLICY AS DESCRIBED BY BLANCO.

2. OAS. BEGIN QUOTE. WE DO NOT SEE THAT A SOLID CONSENSUS AS TO THE DEFINITIVE FORMULAS OF RESTRUCTURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM HAS BEEN REACHED. THE MEETING IN SANTIAGO WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER WITH OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS THE WAY OF REACHING CONSENSUS. THE LONG STUDY (OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE) PERMITTED IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROBLEMS, ASPIRATIONS AND OBJECTIONS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND WHAT EACH EXPECTS OF THE SYSTEM. END QUOTE.

3. NEW DIALOGUE. BEGIN QUOTE. THE OAS ASSEMBLY IN JUNE CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE IT (THE NEW DIALOGUE). MEETING SUCH AS TLATELOLCO OUTSIDE THE OAS ARE NOT NEEDED TO DEVELOP THIS DIALOGUE. THE EFFECT OF THE TLATELOLCO LAST YEAR IN WASHINGTON WHEN MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORT WERE CONSIDERED IN DEPTH WITHOUT WRITTEN RECORDS, TAPES OR UNCLASSIFIED

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SPEECHES. URUGUAY WISHES TO SEE THIS PROCEDURE REPEATED

IN JUNE IN SANTIAGO. END QUOTE.

4. UN. BEGIN QUOTE. IF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WISH TO PRESERVE A MEANINGFUL POSITION THEY HAD BETTER ADJUST AND ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO WHAT THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD EXPECT, WHEN IS NOT DEMOGOGIC DECLARATIONS BUT THE SEARCH FOR BALANCED AND JUST SOLUTIONS TO BURNING PROBLEMS. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT USELESS DECLARATIONS NOT BASED ON THE TRUE CONSENT OF THE COMMUNITY ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BE APPLIED. THUS, URUGUAY WILL FOLLOW THE LINE OF CONDUCTING ITSELF WITH GREAT DELIBERATION AND SERIOUSNESS IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS, NOT GOING ALONG WITH THOSE FORMULAS WHICH MIGHT HAVE A DEMOGOGIC CONTENT AND WHICH FREQUENTLY CLEARLY VIOLATE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS' OWN CHARTERS. END QUOTE.

5. DETENTE. STATING THAT NO ONE WANTS TENSIONS, NUCLEAR WAR OR OTHER CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS, BLANCO ADDED THAT DETENTE, BEGIN QUOTE IN NO WAY ELIMINATES IN THE WORLD THE EXISTENCE OF POWER POLITICS AND OF CONQUEST WHICH, IN MANY CASES, DETERMINES A CHANGE OF DIRECTION AND OF POLICY IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE UNDERMINED BY THEM, HAVING IMPOSED UPON THEM INSTITUTIONS, PRINCIPLES, POLICIES AND IDEOLOGIES TOTALLY FOREIGN TO THEIR NATIONAL MAKE-UP. THERE ARE NO ARMIES WHICH MARCH ACROSS BORDERS WITH FLAGS FLYING, NO AIR ATTACKS OR SINKING OF SHIPS BUT RATHER A POLICY OF UNDERMINING FROM WITHIN AND OF EFFORTS TO ISOLATE AND SEPARATE NATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND TO BRING ABOUT CHANGES IN COUNTRIES BY THIS COMBINED ACTION OF COMBINED INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FORCES, WHICH FREQUENTLY INCLUDES GUERRILLA WAREFARE, SUBVERSION AND INFILTRATION, AS OUR RECENT HISTORY DEMONSTRATES. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DUTY IS TO DENOUNCE THIS SITUATION, AS WE HAVE DONE, AND TO SHOW OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH A RELAXING OF TENSIONS WHICH LIMITS ITSELF ONLY TO THE MOST EXCITING ASPECTS. THAT BALANCE FOR PEACE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REALLY VIGOROUS EFFORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SO THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF NO INTERVENTION AND OF SELF-DETERMINATION, RECOGNIZED AND AFFIRMED BY ALL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO BE APPLIED BY ALL. END QUOTE.

6. NON-INTERVENTION. LABELLING CUBAN AGGRESSION TOWARD URUGUAY AS A REFLECTION OF THE INSUFFICIENCY OF DETENTE, BLANCO SAID, BEGIN QUOTE WE URUGUAYANS HAVE OUR PREFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO GOVERNMENTAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND WE DESIRE THAT THAT WHICH WE WANT FOR URUGUAY BE DEVELOPED FREELY IN URUGUAY WITHOUT ANYONE

INTERFERING FROM OUTSIDE. IF ANYONE THINKS THAT WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DEFENSE LIES IN A SIMPLE FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT HE IS PROFOUNDLY MISTAKEN. FACED WITH THE TUPAMARO AGRESSION, WE BEGAN BY DEFENDING OURSELVES AND THEN WE DENOUNCED TO THE WORLD WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HOW WE HAD BEEN ATTACKED AND HOW THE SEDITION HAD BEEN FORMENTED FROM ABROAD. PROTECTING OURSELVES FROM THOSE ELEMENTS, WE ARE GOING TO PRESERVE OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY AND OUR INDEPENDENCE. FIRST WE WILL DEFEND OURSELVES AND THEN WE WILL APPEAL TO ALL INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS WITHIN OUR REACH SO THAT THE TRUTH BE KNOWN AND THIS INTERVENTION REPUDIATED. END QUOTE.

7. AN OPEN FOREIGN POLICY. DESCRIBING THE GOU'S ECONOMIC POLICY AS A CHANGE IN OUTLOOK, BLANCO SAID URUGUAY HAS ASSUMED AN AGGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT POSTURE, ACTIVELY SEEKING INVESTMENT AND ACTIVELY SEEKING CLIENTS FOR ITS PRODUCTS, NON-TRADITIONAL AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL. BEGIN QUOTE OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS IN ACCORD WITH THIS FOCUS.... I WOULD SAY THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE IS TO CONTINUE THE LABOR OF THE LAST FEW YEARS IN THIS SENSE: AN URUGUAYAN OPENING TOWARDS THE OUTSIDE IN SEARCH OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EXPANSION OF OUR COMMERCE AND ALSO FOR POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. END QUOTE.

8. COMMENT: THE FULL TEXT OF BLANCO'S REMARKS IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/APU. IT CONTAINS NO NEW POLICIES OR EVEN NEW NUANCES, BUT RATHER IS DIRECT, RELATIVELY COMPLETE AND COHERENT STATEMENT OF GOU FOREIGN POLICY WHICH MERITS READING.
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